

SENATE BILL No. 223

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: None (noncode).

Synopsis: Local government efficiency study commission. Establishes the local government efficiency and financing study commission.

Effective: Upon passage.

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Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2003 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) As used in this
2 SECTION, "commission" refers to the local government efficiency
3 and financing study commission established by this SECTION.

4 (b) As used in this SECTION, "municipal corporation" means
5 a county, city, town, township, school corporation, library district,
6 local housing authority, fire protection district, public
7 transportation corporation, local building authority, local hospital
8 authority or corporation, local airport authority, special service
9 district, special taxing district, or other separate local
10 governmental entity that may sue and be sued.

11 (c) There is established the local government efficiency and
12 financing study commission. The commission shall study the
13 following:

14 (1) Local government financing, structure, and methods of
15 providing necessary services to the public to determine the
16 most appropriate and efficient means of providing services.

17 (2) Merger and consolidation of municipal corporations and
18 the sharing of services among municipal corporations to



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improve the efficiency of local government.

(3) Creation of local charter governments and the restructuring of municipal corporations, including a review of Senate Bill 190-1993, which proposed allowing local governments to establish charter governments.

(4) Any other issue as determined by the commission.

(d) The commission consists of the following twenty-four (24) members:

(1) Four (4) members appointed by the governor as follows:

(A) One (1) member who is a mayor of a third class city.

(B) One (1) member representing business.

(C) One (1) member representing labor.

(D) One (1) member who is an economic development professional.

(2) Four (4) members who are members of the senate, appointed by the president pro tempore of the senate. Not more than two (2) members may be of the same political party.

(3) Four (4) members who are members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. Not more than two (2) members may be of the same political party.

(4) Twelve (12) members as follows:

(A) Two (2) members who are county commissioners. The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint one (1) member and the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one (1) member. Each member must be of a different political party.

(B) Two (2) members who are mayors of second class cities. The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint one (1) member and the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one (1) member. Each member must be of a different political party.

(C) Two (2) members who are members of city councils of second class cities. The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint one (1) member and the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one (1) member. Each member must be of a different political party.

(D) Two (2) members who are members of county councils. The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint one (1) member and the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one (1) member. Each member must be of a

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(E) Two (2) members who are township trustees. The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint one (1) member and the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one (1) member. Each member must be of a different political party.

(F) Two (2) members who are citizens of Indiana. The president pro tempore of the senate shall appoint one (1) member and the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one (1) member. Each member must be of a different political party.

(e) If a member of the commission who holds public office ceases to hold the public office that the member held when appointed to the commission, the member vacates the member's seat on the commission.

(f) The commission shall operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the legislative council.

(g) An affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members appointed to the commission is required for the commission to take action on any measure, including final reports.

(h) This SECTION expires December 1, 2004.

SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

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